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STOWMARKET URBAN DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health

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TO THE

CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS

OF THE

STOWMARKET URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the interim Annual Report for the year ending 31st December, 1940.

Medical Officer of Health (part time)

E.W.Graham, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Sanitary Inspector,

S.H.Senior, C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

Mr. Senior joined H.M.Forces on 16/10/39, and his duties since have been carriedout by your Surveyor J.Black, Esq., A.R.S.I., D.I.H.

STATISTICS.

Area:	1,668 acres.
Population:	7,046
Inhabited Houses:	2,100
Rateable Value:	£35,739
Sum represented by a penny rate:	£138

BIRTHS.

	M.	F.
Total	50	42
Legitimate	48	42
Illegitimate	2	-

Stillbirths.

	M.	F.
Total	-	4
Legitimate	-	4
Illegitimate	-	-

Birth Rate per 1,000 Civilian population: 13. 1
Rate for England and Wales: 14. 6.
Rate per 1,000 Live and Stillbirths: 41. 7

DEATHS.

	M.	F.
All causes	52	43

Death rate per 1,000 Civilian population: 13.6
Rate for England and Wales: 14.3

Causes of Death.

	M.	F.
Bronchitis	5	8
Cancer	8	3
Cerebral haemorrhage etc.	4	8
Other digestive diseases.	1	2
Heart disease	8	12
Influenza	2	1
Nephritis	2	-
Pneumonia (all forms)	4	1
Other respiratory diseases.	2	2
Other causes	7	4

Deaths from puerperal causes NIL

Infantile mortality.

	M.	F.
Deaths of Infants under One year of age:		
Total:	2	-
Legitimate:	2	-
Death Rate of Infants under One year of age :	21.7	
Rate for England and Wales :	55.0	

	M.	F..
Deaths from Cancer (all ages) :	8	3

Deaths from Measles, Whooping cough, and Diarrhoea (under Two years of age): NIL

Notifiable diseases.

Age	1	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65	Total.	Cases admitted to Hospital	Deaths
Scarlet fever			1	1	1	3	2	1	2	2			13	13	-
Whooping cough	5	4	4	6	8	26			1		1		55	-	-
Erysipelas									2	2	1		5	-	-
Measles		1		3	1	3							8	2	-
Pneumonia				2		2	3		5	4	6	2	24	-	3
Puerperal pyrexia									1				1	1	-
Dysentery			1		2	3							6	-	-

Measles: The two cases admitted to Hospital were evacuees.

Dysentery(Sonne): Occurred in six patients who had been admitted to the Isolation Hospital, Stowmarket, suffering from Scarlet fever, and the source appears to have been one of the patients who had mild diarrhoea at the time of admission. Appropriate action on the part of the Hospital staff limited the disease.

TUBERCULOSIS:

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-respiratory		Respiratory		Non-respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0-								
1-								
5-				1				
15-	1			1				
25-								
35-					1			
45-			2		1		1	
55-		1				1		
65-								
Total	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	-

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

E.W. GRAHAM.